THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Slum Development Programme was launched in August, 1996 at Kanpur to provide additional Central assistance to the States/UTs for Slum Develolpment. During the year 1996-97 an amount of Rs. 250 crores was allocated to the States/ UTs for slum development. A sum of Rs. 330 crores has been provided under this programme for the current year i.e. 1997-98. It is for the State Governments to distribute the funds among the Urban Local Bodies according the their needs and priorities. Uttar Pradesh was allotted Rs. 31.28 crores in 1996-97 and has been allotted Rs. 40.11 crores during the current year under this programme. A copy of the guidelines formulated for the implementation of the programme is given in enclosed Statement.

Statement

***Sub.** : Centrally Assisted Slum Development Programme in the States/UTs - Guidelines.*

A provision of Rs. 250 crores for slum development programme in the States has been made by the Ministry of Finance in the budget for 1996-97 as an additionality to the normal Central Assistance to the States/UTs. The State-wise allocation of Rs. 250 crores has been worked out by the Planning Commission on the basis of the estimated slum population in 1991. The following guidelines have been suggested for the utilisation of this amount.

1. OBJECTIVES AND COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAMME :

The objectives of this programme shall be provision of adequate and satisfactory water supply, sanitation, primary education facilities, health care, pre-primary, adult literacy and non-formal education facilities etc. The scheme will also have as an objective, provision of housing, community empowerment, garbage and solid waste management, as well as environmental improvement and convergence of different social sector programmes through creation of sustainable support systems. The focus may be on community infrastructure, provision of shelter, empowerment of urban poor women, training, skill upgradation and advocacy and involvement of MGOs, CBOs, private institutions and other bodies.

2. ROLE OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES :

In keeping with the spirit of 74th Amendment, the existance of elected urban local bodies will be mandatory before funds can be released to new urban area. The programme envisages the urban local body as the nodal agency for the execution of this programme. Proposals for work to be undertaken under this programme must emanate from the CDSs in the form of a Community Plan, which will be forwarded by the ULB with appropriate comments to the DUDA for sanction. Execution of all works falling under the jurisdiction of the ULB may be done through the ULB as far as possible. The ULBs shall try to involve the CDSs in the execution, to the extent possible. As regards maintenance and repair of works carried out under this programme, the physical responsibility may be that of the CDSs concerned.

3. CONVERGENCE :

This programme may seek to ensure provision of certain identified basic minimum services, within each slum. The Programme may provide for facilities not provided elsewhere in the line department schemes, the absence of which makes effective implementation of these social sector schemes ineffective. In other words, missing links will be provided under this programme. However, this may be clearly subject to the proviso that, funds under convergence will be a source for supplementing line department efforts to achieve better delivery of social sector schemes and under no circumstances will these funds be used to substitute line department schemes or parts thereof.

4. The State Governments should bring in their own funds bearing some proportion to the funds given by the Centre.

5. MONITORING :

At the State level, the programme will regularly be monitored by the State Urban Development Authority (SUDA), which may issue necessary guidance as well as instructions to the District Urban Development Authorities (DUDAs) and ULBs. At the national level, the programme will be monitored by the Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.

Employment Exchanges in Delhi

3405. SHRI KARIA MUNDA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officials of various Sub-regional Employment Exchanges in New Delhi fail to dispose-off the vacancies within the stipulated time of 15 days;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies pending with the concerned Sub-regional Employment Exchanges for more than 15 days; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to streamline the functioning of Employment Exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, action for sponsoring candidates against vacancies is done within the stipulated time.

(c) (i) Instructions have been issued to Sub-Regional Employment Officers to make submission of names of eligible candidates on merit and seniority to the employers within ten days in case names of 500 candidates are to be sent, and within 15 days in case names of candidates to be sponsored are upto 1000, and within, in any case, one month in the case number of candidates to be sponsored are more than 1000.

(ii) After the lists of candidates to be sponsored are ready at the Employment Exchange within seven days, the Sub-Regional Employment Officer will inform the employer on telephone to send his authorised representative to come and collect the list. In case authorised official of the employer does not come within two days then on 10th day of receipt of notification of vacancies, the Sub Regional Employment Officer would ensure that the lists of candidates are positively delivered to the employer.

(iii) To further expedite the preparation of lists of eligible candidates on merit and seniority, the computerisation of Employment Exchanges has been undertaken. At Sub-Regional Employment Exchange (Technical), Pusa, N Delhi, data/record of as many as 60,000 (approximately) candidates have been computerised and a registrant is issued a Computerised Employment Identity Card X-10(b) at the time of registration.

Assistance for Cancer Control Programme

3406. SHRI SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE :
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision to provide Central assistance to Non-Government Organisations and Medical Colleges under the District Cancer Control Programme;

(b) if so, the total number of Non-Government organisations and Medical Colleges who received financial assistance from the Union Government under the said programme during each of the last three years, State-wise, indicating the amount of assistance provided so far;

(c) the criteria adopted for allocating assistance to such NGOs and Medical Colleges;

(d) whether the Union Government have denied the assistance to some of the NGOs in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) There is no provision of Central Financial Assistance to NGOs and Medical Colleges under District Cancer Control Project.

(b) and (c) The question do not arise.

(d) and (e) The NGOs are not eligible for assistance under District Cancer Control Project.

[Translation]

Allotment of Government Accommodation

3407. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have allotted Government accommodation to several persons in view of threat perception to their lives;

(b) if so, the details of such people till date;

(c) the criteria adopted for making such allotment;

(d) whether the Government have reviewed the criteria being adopted; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Government accommodation has been allotted to several persons in the past in view of threat perception to their lives on case to case basis with the approval of the competent authority. A list of such persons is given in enclosed Statement.

(d) and (e) As per the guidelines approved by the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation (CCA) and issued vide Directorate of Estates O.M. dated 10.10.1996, allotment of General Pool accommodation not higher than Type-VI is made on security grounds only to those persons who are in Z+ category on payment of market/special rate of licence fee initially for a period of one year on specific recommendation of Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, those allottees who are not eligible are being served with eviction notices.